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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF MTBE IN THE GROUND AND AIR

**REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF DOCUMENTS**  
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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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International application No. <b>PCT/EP 99/ 01821</b>	International filing date (day/month/year) <b>18/02/1999</b>	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) <b>04/06/1998</b>
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## 1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.



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because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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None of the figures.

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 6 G01N33/24 G01N33/00 G01N27/12

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	DESIMAS B ET AL: "MEASUREMENT OF MTBE IN GASOLINES BY NIR" ADVANCES IN INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL, vol. 45, no. PART 01, 1 January 1990 (1990-01-01), pages 451-461, XP000172009 ISSN: 1054-0032 the whole document ---	1-4
A	US 4 631 952 A (DONAGHEY LEE F) 30 December 1986 (1986-12-30) column 3, line 66 - column 10, line 55; figures ---	1-4
A	US 5 514 338 A (SIMON MORRIS ET AL) 7 May 1996 (1996-05-07) column 3, line 10 - column 5, line 5; figures -----	1-4



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